United States Embassy Macedonia





Global articles for your interest Issue 4 March 19 - April 1, 2011

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1. State Department Official and Lawmakers Discuss Libya Crisis

U.S. Lawmakers discussed U.S. policy toward Libya — its implications for America and the Middle East and North Africa region — with Deputy Secretary of State James Steinberg at a House Committee on Foreign Affairs hearing March 31.

2. Sister Cities Reach Around the World to Help Japan

In the wake of disasters, families pull together, even if the family members are half a planet apart. As Japan's cities struggle with the aftermath of the earthquake and tsunami, their sister cities in America look for ways to help. ...

3. Obama Administration Takes "Holistic" Approach to Human Rights

The Obama administration is taking a "holistic" approach to human rights — viewing human rights, democracy and development as supportive of one another, says Michael Posner, assistant secretary of state for democracy, human rights and labor. ...

4. Former Secretary Warren Christopher a "Resolute Pursuer of Peace"

President Obama says former Secretary of State Warren Christopher, who died March 19, was "a skillful diplomat, a steadfast public servant, and a faithful American," who was also "a resolute pursuer of peace." Secretary Clinton and former President Clinton also praised his service. ...

5. Hispanics Are Largest Minority Group in United States

Hispanic Americans make up the nation's largest minority group, according to newly released findings of the U.S. Census, a massive data-gathering project that helps define the future of the country's democratic process. Of a total population of nearly 309 million people, 16 percent are Hispanic. ...

6. US, World Bank Collaborate to Improve Water Access, Sanitation

In a transcontinental commemoration of World Water Day March 22, the United States and the World Bank sign an agreement to energize their efforts to improve developing world access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene. ...

In case you missed it:

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Journalism in American Films at Kinoteka

Ambassador Reeker introduced the film Good Night, and Good Luck for the Journalism in American Cinema series at Cinematheque. Come see these excellent films on the work of the reporter in the U.S.

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Program:

- Good Night, and Good Luck, April 1 at 20:00
- All the President's Men, April 2 at 20:00
- The Year of Living Dangerously, April 3 at 20:00
- Citizen Kane, April 4 at 20:00
- The China Syndrome, April 5 at 20:00



USAID Financial Platform Achievements

Ambassador Reeker congratulated key participants in USAID's Macedonia Competitiveness Project. \$44m in financing for local firms led to over \$75m in new investment, \$33m in exports and 1066 new jobs.

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Improving Business with E-Gov Solutions

Ambassador Reeker praised the work of the USAID e-Gov Project at its close-out event, highlighting the success of the project in improving governance and the business environment.



Ambassador Interview with Nova Makedonija

Ambassador Reeker: "The United States wants to support you in the goals that you set for yourselves including membership in transatlantic institutions, more investment, greater stability and prosperity." ...

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Vermont Donates CAT Scanner to State Hospital

Ambassador Reeker and Major General Michael Dubie from the Vermont National Guard hail the donation of a CT Scan machine to the University Hospital in Skopje from citizens of the State of Vermont. <u>Video</u> »



The Brown Forum: Investment in SE Europe

The Brown Forum will bring together regional and U.S. leaders in government and business to focus on improving investment and trade and creating business partnerships in Southeast Europe. ...



2012-2013 Fulbright Scholar program (post-doctoral) in the U. S.

The Flagship International Educational Exchange Program sponsored by the U.S. Government, widely known as the Fulbright Program, ...

2012-2013 Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowships Program

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program brings accomplished mid-level professionals to the United States for a year of combined academic (NON-DEGREE) and professional work.

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